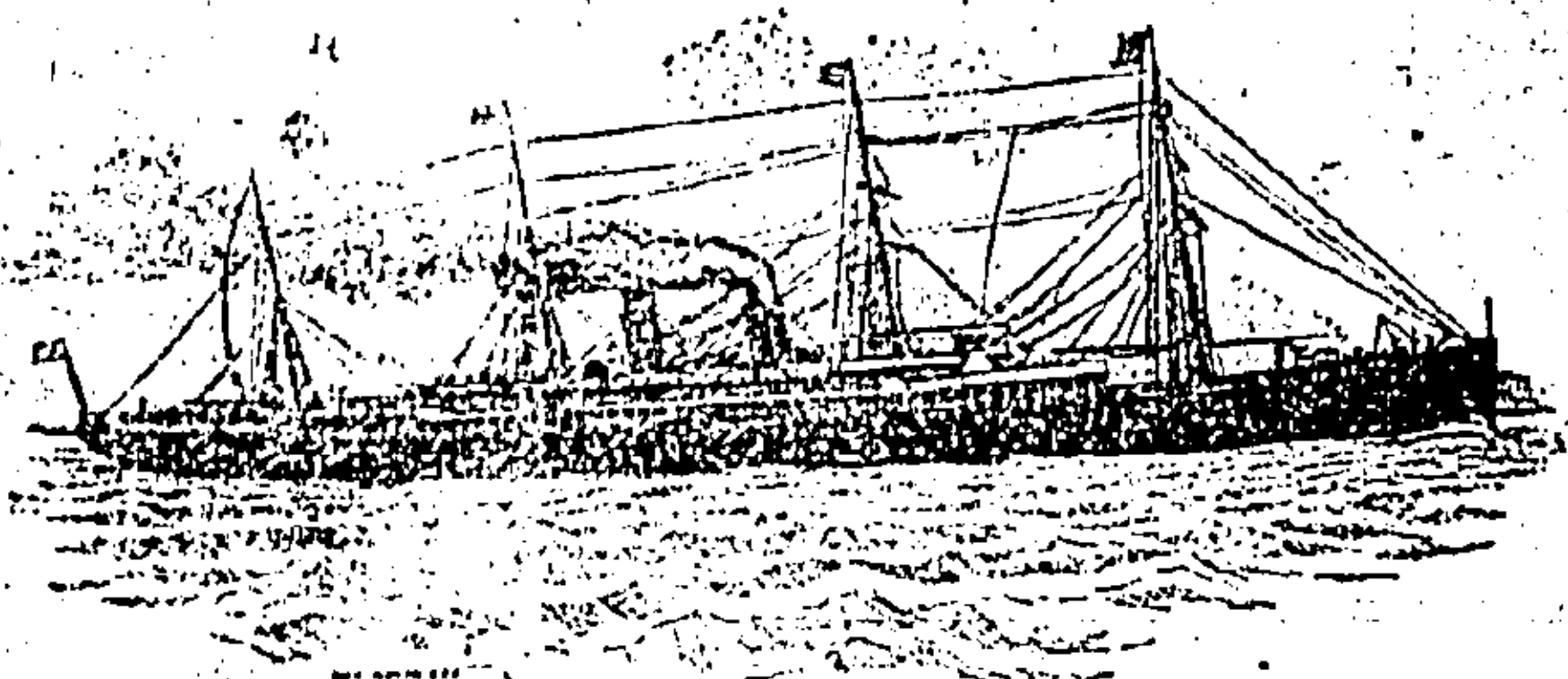


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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"DORIC"	SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
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"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"GOETIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KORBA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
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E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
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"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	DISTINCTIONS.	SAILING DATES.
NUEMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	20th Jan.
Janburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	Freight.
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	30th Jan.
Winksteine	(Calling at SINGAPORE.)	Freight.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb.
v. Blaser	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	Freight and Passengers.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb.
Fuchs	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	Freight.
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th Mar.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	Freight.
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th Mar.
von Doehren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW,
(WEDNESDAY), the 14th January, 1903,
at 11 A.M.,
at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
100 Cases SCOTCH WHISKY;
45 Cases CHAMPAGNE;
20 Cases CHEESE;
15 Cases RUM;
10 Cases GIN.

Also
A Quantity of ASSORTED WINES and
SPIRITS.

TERMS—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [476]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
from Mr. David J. LENNOX, to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on

THURSDAY, the 15th January, 1903,
at 3.30 P.M.,
within his residence,
No. 39, Morrison Hill Road,

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—
TEAK-WOOD HAT-STAND with GLASS
TEAK-WOOD BOOKCASE, TEAK-WOOD
WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS
SIDEBOARDS, OVERMANIERS, WASH-
STANDS, IRON and BRASS FENDERS,
OIL PAINTING, RICKSHAW, COOKING
STOVE and UTENSILS, &c. &c.

Also
A Quantity of PICTURES and OIL
PAINTING—
AND
An Assortment of GAS CHANDELIERS
and FITTINGS.
Catalogues may be had on application.
TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1903. [386]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC
AUCTION,
on

MONDAY, the 19th January, 1903,
at 3 P.M.,
on the Spot,
The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan
to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection
of BOOTHS and MATSHEDS on the Govern-
ment Ground adjoining the Race-course, North
of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS—Cash.
For Conditions of Sale, Apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [126]

Notice of Firm.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE
of the above Company's Business.
J. WHEELLEY,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [396]

Insurance.

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Address
F. KIENE,
14, Des Voeux Road.
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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept Fire,
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1902. [25]

Masonic.

BOTHEN MARK LODGE,
No. 264.

A NECESSARY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the
14th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [196]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY,
the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [400]

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE
CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-
ING, open to all CERTIFICATED
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS, will
be held, by the courtesy of the Manager, at the
Office of the Hongkong Telegraph Company,
Limited, 1, Ice House Road, Hongkong, at
3 P.M., on SUNDAY, 18th January, 1903, for
the purpose of discussing the desirability of
FORMING A MERCANTILE MARINE
OFFICERS' CLUB at Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address sug-
gestions to be laid before the Meeting to
THOMAS C. SWABY,
Hongkong Telegraph
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [346]

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of The CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria,
the Colony of Hongkong, TO-MORROW,
the 14th day of January, 1903, at 12 NOON, for the
purpose of confirming the following resolution
passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Company held this day
(19th December, 1902):—

R. SOLUTION.
That for the purpose of carrying into effect the
special resolution duly passed and con-
firmed at Extraordinary General Meet-
ings of the Company held on the 11th
and 27th days of October, 1902, the
Company be wound up voluntarily under
the Provisions of the Companies Ordin-
ances 1875 to 1899, and that the Honour-
able Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander
George Wood, and John Thomas Martin
Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of
the said Company with liberty for each
of them solely to exercise all the powers
of the joint liquidators and that for the
like purpose the liquidators be and they
are hereby authorized to consent to the
preparation of the Memorandum and
Articles of Association of and to the
registration of a new Company to be
incorporated under the Companies Ordin-
ances of Hongkong under the name of
The China-Borneo Company Limited or
some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Liquidators Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

[1434d]

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES
of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League
will be held in the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY,
the 15th day of January, at 5.30 P.M. H. E.
POLLOCK, Esquire, K.C., President, in the
Chair.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Hon Secretary,
Navy League, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [1246]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the OFFICES of
the Company, 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria,
on SATURDAY, the 17th January, 1903, at
11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending 31st
December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and
electing a Liquidating Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 15th, to
SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, both Days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [336]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOUR-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,
1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company
will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the
17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January,
(both Days inclusive), during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for
THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [286]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIF-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,
1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company
will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the
17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January,
(both Days inclusive), during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [236]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Company,
held at the Company's Office, No. 13,
Hendonfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on
MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1903, the
following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special
Resolution passed on the 11th day of
November, 1901, and confirmed on the
27th day of November, 1902, a
Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made
upon all holders of Ordinary Shares
in the above Company, and the same
is hereby made. Such Call to be
paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, at their
Mines Office, 2, Cecil Street, Victoria,
Hongkong, on or before the 9th day
of February, 1903."

And Notice is also given that in accordance
with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of
Association, interest at the rate of 5 per
centum per Annum will be charged upon all
Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of
February, 1903, up to the actual dates of
payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon
presentation at the Office of the Company of
the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call,
and surrender of existing Certificates of the
Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Cer-
tificates will be issued bearing an endorsement
of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [216]

Hotels.

GO TO THE
KOWLOON HOTEL,
K. F. DALY, Manager.
KOWLOON. J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
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THE MANAGER.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [13396]

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Next Door Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1256c]

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MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER
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CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES,
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1393d]

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST.
No. 4, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 3rd January 1903. [162]

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PRICE MODERATE—CONSULTATION FREE.
Next to the Hongkong Dispensary,
50, Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1902. [1299d]

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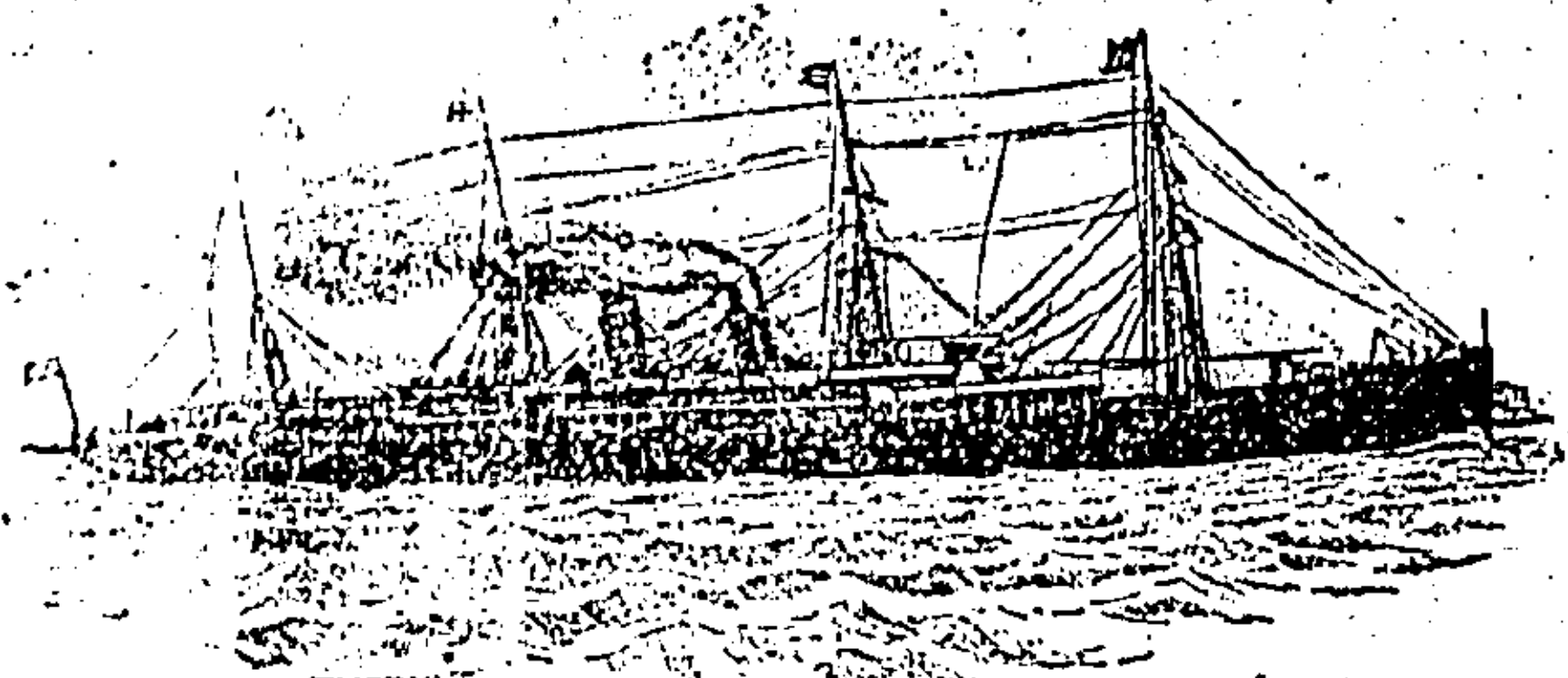
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Price Lists On Application.
Orders Executed Promptly.
H'kong, 12th May, 1902. [145d]

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E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

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(Calling at SINGAPORE).		
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(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
HAVRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb.	Freight.
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For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
(WEDNESDAY) the 14th January, 1903,
at 11 A.M.,
at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
100 Cases SCOTCH WHISKY,
45 Cases CHAMPAGNE,
20 Cases CHEESE,
15 Cases RUM,
10 Cases GIN.

Also
A Quantity of ASSORTED WINES and SPIRITS.
TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. DAVID LENOX, to Sell by
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on

THURSDAY, the 15th January, 1903,
at 2.30 P.M.,
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SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—

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OIL PAINTING, RICKSHAW, COOKING
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AND
An Assortment of GAS CHANDELIERS
and FITTINGS.
Catalogues may be had on application.

TERMS—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

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THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC
AUCTION,
on

MONDAY, the 19th January, 1903,
at 3 P.M.,
on the Spot,

The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan
to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection
of BOOTHS and MATCHES on the Govern-
ment Ground adjoining the Race-course, North
of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

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For Conditions of Sale, Apply to—
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1903.

Notice of Firm.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE
of the above Company's Business.
J. WHEELLEY,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

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Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1902.

Masonic.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE,
No. 264.

A N E M E R G E N C Y M E E T I N G of the above
LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the
14th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY,
the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE
CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-
ING, open to all CERTIFICATED
MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS, will
be held, by the courtesy of the Manager, at the
Offices of the Hongkong Telegraph Company,
Limited, 4, Ice House Road, Hongkong, at
2 P.M., on SUNDAY, (18th January, 1903, for
the purpose of discussing the desirability of
FORMING A MERCANTILE MARINE
OFFICERS' CLUB at Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address sug-
gestions to be laid before the Meeting to
THOMAS C. SWABY,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria,
the Colony of Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the
14th day of January, 1903, at 12 Noon, for the
purpose of confirming the following resolution
passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Company held this day
(20th December, 1902):—

RESOLUTION.
That for the purpose of carrying into effect the
special resolution duly passed and con-
firmed at Extraordinary General Meet-
ings of the Company held on the 11th
and 27th days of October, 1902, the
Company be wound up voluntarily under
the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance
1865 to 1899, and that the Honorable
Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander
George Wood, and John Thomas Martin
Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of
the said Company with liberty for each
of them solely to exercise all the powers
of the joint liquidators and that for the
like purpose the liquidators be and they
are hereby authorized to consent to the
preparation of the Memorandum and
Articles of Association of and to the
registration of a new Company to be
incorporated under the Companies Ordinance
of Hongkong under the name of
The China-Borneo Company Limited or
some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES
of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League
will be held in the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY,
the 15th of January, at 5.30 P.M. H. E.
POLLOCK, Esquire, K.C., President, in the
Chair.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Navy League, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
the Company will be held at the OFFICES of
the Company, 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria,
on SATURDAY, the 17th January, 1903, at
11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending 31st
December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 15th, to
SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOUR-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,
1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the
17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January,
(both days inclusive), during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIF-
TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,
1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors together
with Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the
17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January,
(both days inclusive), during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Com-
pany, held at the Company's Office, No. 13,
Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on
MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1903, the
following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special
Resolution passed on the 11th day of
November, 1902, and confirmed on the
27th day of November, 1902, a
Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made
upon all holders of Ordinary Shares
in the above Company, and the same
is hereby made. Such Call to be
paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, at their Pre-
mises, 6, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,
Hongkong, on or before the 9th day
of February, 1903."

And Notice is also given that in accordance
with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of
Association, interest at the rate of Six per
centum per Annum will be charged upon all
Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of
February, 1903, up to the actual dates of
payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon
presentation at the Office of the Company of
the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call,
and surrender of existing Certificates of
Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Cer-
tificates will be issued bearing an endorsement
of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

Hotels.

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903.

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1902. [1238]

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Hongkong, 20th October, 1902. [1104]

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Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [1053]

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BIRTH.

On 13th January, at 1, Queen's Gardens, the
wife of Capt. F. D. GODDARD, Marine Surveyor,
of a Daughter.
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

All orders for developing and printing will
receive prompt attention at Le Munyon's—
Advt.

It is announced that the British Museum has
purchased the 10-pound aerolite which fell
recently at Crumlin, County Antrim, Ireland.

STEPS are being taken in New York for the
establishment of a Chinese hospital, which it is
believed will be the first regular institution in
that country.

ON Saturday, 17th instant, a parade of the
Volunteers will take place at Head Quarters,
when the local Coronation medal recently arrived
from home will be presented to those members
of the Corps who were in Hongkong on Coronation
Day.

JULIAN Ralph, the well-known war correspondent
and journalist, has been critically ill at
St. Louis from the effects of a sudden and
violent hemorrhage. His physician states that
a repetition of the attack would probably
prove fatal.

You will find that Le Munyon is the only
up-to-date Photo Supply Dealer in the Orient.
Everything in Stock strictly new. "Phone 390.
—Advt.

EXPORT returns of tea in Northern Formosa
for the year 1901 show a total decrease of
£127,120 on that of 1900. Oolongs have fallen
from £496,103 to £385,111 and Poonchongs
from £67,038 to £52,610, the latter being about
20 per cent.

LEUNG Kam Ming, who is in the States in
connection with the new line of steamships
from the Orient to Mexico, has told the Seattle
papers that the late Li Hung Chang was not
in reality a statesman in any sense of the word
—merely a "graffer" of the first degree. At
least, this is what a Vancouver journal says.

WIRELESS telegraphy as a means of safety in
the operation of trains is among the possibili-
ties of the future on the Grand Trunk system
of Canada. The management has decided to
conduct a series of experiments with a view to
determining the possibility of the plan and if
the experiment turn out as expected the
Canadian portion of the system will be fitted
with wireless telegraph stations at intervals of
from eight to twenty miles.

MR. Chio Tian Siar, better known here as
Chang Chin Hsun, a director of the Canton-
Hankow Railway Co., has, we hear, generously
contributed a sum of one thousand dollars to
the fund in aid of the extension of St. Joseph's
College just recently completed. Brother
Joshua has not, however, been so successful in
his mission as the object of it so richly merits.
The assistance of the community will be asked
in organising a public concert, the proceeds of
which will be devoted to the College Extension
Fund.

THE Peking correspondent of the *Jiji Shimbun*
wired on the 1st inst. that, according to the
report of the investigations made by Yuan
Shih-kai into the affairs of the Chinese Tele-
graph Administration, preparatory to convert-
ing it into a Government concern, more than
four million taels that should belong to the
reserve fund are missing and all the books are
in a very confused state. The Empress
Dowager on hearing the report was very angry
about the matter and said that Sheng Hsu-
kwei should never be appointed to an official
post again as she holds him responsible for all
the affairs of the administration.

YUAN Shih Kai has opened the Payang mint at
Tientsin and it has begun to turn out 5 cash,
to cash and 20 cash pieces. The machinery
already in use produces 13,000 coins a day.
This is not nearly up to its capacity, although
it keeps fully occupied the force of workmen
now at the mint. The Viceroy has instructed
the director of the mint that he must increase
the production until it shall reach a total of
5,000,000 by the China New Year. It is the
intention of the Viceroy that the efficiency of
the mint shall be improved as rapidly as possi-
ble, so that early in the coming Chinese year
silver tael coins may be issued. They will be
in denominations of 50-tael cents, 20-tael cents
and 10-tael cents.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Girault.

Don't fail to get some views of picturesque
Hongkong. Le Munyon has them any style
you want.—Advt.

THE Duke of Orleans has subscribed 1,000
francs towards the statue to be erected in Ton-
king of his cousin, the late Prince Henri.

THE annual general meeting of the Hongkong
Benevolent Society will be held on Tuesday,
the 27th inst. at 12 o'clock in the City Hall.
The public are invited to attend.

THE fourteenth ordinary meeting of share-
holders in the West Point Building Company
will be held at 11.45 a.m. on the 26th inst.
instead of at 11.30 as originally advertised.

H.M.S. *Algerine* left for Canton yesterday,
and the *Peerless* left for Miss Bay where she
will be joined by the *Cressy* to-morrow. The
latter returns in about a fortnight, and the
Peerless on the 17th inst.

MESSRS. W. S. Bailey & Co., the well-known
engineers, shipbuilders and store copers of
Hongkong, forward us a copy of their 1903
calendar which gives capital views of their
offices, workshops and other interesting pictures.

A FRENCH post office has lately been estab-
lished here, reports the *Footchow Daily Echo*, so
that for so small a port we are now well off for
post offices. Besides the French, we have the
British, German, Japanese and Chinese offices.

A BEACONBER was this morning sentenced
to six weeks' hard labour, for stealing a
registered letter containing two sovereigns
from the chief mate of the s.s. *Bevern*, and
also a silver watch and clothing, valued at
\$40, from William Brander, a seaman of the
same vessel.

WE understand that 'Dolly' is about to issue
another volume of local tales, under the title
of *China Coastlers*, dealing, we believe, with
matters nautical on the coast. We are glad to
see that Dolly is giving us further yarns in a
handy form, and hope that *China Coastlers* will
meet with the same success that has attended
his *Tales of Hongkong*.

Are you an artist? Le Munyon can furnish
you supplies at reasonable prices. All goods
sold strictly reliable. "Phone 390.—Advt.

ACCORDING to a New York telegram the town
of Altman, in the Cripple Creek district of
Colorado, has had its streets paved with the
'dum' of the Pharmacists' mine, and recently a
piece of the pavement which was assayed
yielded gold to the amount of \$20 a ton. Im-
mediately after the announcement of the assay
was made, people began carting off the surface
of the streets until the police were obliged to
intervene and stop them.

THE Danish post-office has invited the postal
authorities of other countries to consider the
desirability of introducing a world's reply stamp.
Often when one desires to send a foreign cor-
respondent stamps for reply one cannot do so,
not having the stamps of the other correspon-
dent's country. It is proposed, therefore, to
design stamps for international use, one in-
dicating the country from which it is sent and
another marked "response," which can be used
in all countries.

IN our last issue we published a telegram from
our correspondent at Shanghai to the effect
that a landslide had occurred at Nanking by
which Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's bonding
godown slipped into the river causing, it is
estimated, the loss of some 100 lives. To-day
a representative of this journal made
inquiries at the local offices of Messrs. Butter-
field and Swire, but was informed that no in-
formation regarding the catastrophe had been
received by them. From what we can gather,
the firm's premises at Nanking consisted of
an ordinary godown on the waterfront, banded
in.

WE have to chronicle the addition of another
new river boat destined for the Canton run.
Yesterday afternoon, the new twin screw river
steamer *San Cheung*, a vessel of good dimen-
sions, and with passenger accommodation for
1,200 passengers went on her trial trip, and
attained the speed of 12 knots on the
measured mile. This vessel, which is the
property of the Cheong On Company, was
built by the Kwong Tuk Cheong firm, and
engineered by the Tin Hing Engineering Com-
pany, Praya East, and was under the personal
supervision of Mr. H. F. Carmichael. She is
commanded by Captain Murphy, and Mr. H.
Clarke is chief engineer. At the trial trip
yesterday, besides the owners, there were also
present Captain Godard, and Mr. H. Crane,
the Government Marine Surveyor. The *San
Cheung*, which is fitted out in first class style,
will make her maiden trip to Canton on
Saturday, 17th instant.

THE *Sin Wan-pao* says that the Chinese
Government recently proposed to establish a
Custom House at Dalny, but the Russians
objected, and now the Germans want to abolish
the Custom House at Tsingtau, which would be
placed thereby in the same position as
Dalny. Thereupon the Chinese Government
asked the British, American and Japanese
Governments to use their friendly offices to
settle the question in favour of China. But the
Russians maintain the opinion that in case of
having a Custom House at Dalny it must be
independent of the L. G. of L. M. Customs,
while Sir Robert Hart says that any Custom
House at Dalny must be of the same nature as
that at Tsingtau, and China could not allow
Russia to have any Commissioners of Customs
not under the L. M. C. control. The Chinese
Government as well as the British, Japanese
and American Government hold the same view.
Sir Robert, and thus this highly interesting
and contentious matter stands at present.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Girault.

The advance estimate of the cost of the
Smallland operations is £18,000 (initial) and
£2,000 monthly (recurring).

A GENERAL strike has been proclaimed in
Amsterdam by the dockers' union in conse-
quence of the insistence of the dock company
in undertaking the work of a company whose
employees are striking.

Get out with your Kodak and make some
pictures. Or if you haven't a Kodak you can
get one at Le Munyon's.—Advt.

The greatest blow to agriculture has been the
loss of carabao or water buffalo, observes
Governor Taft in his report on the Philippine
Islands. The war in some degree and the
rinderpest in a much larger have destroyed
about 90 per cent of the carabao; and the
natives—never very active in helping them-
selves—have simply neglected the rice culture,
so that now these islands are compelled to
send about \$15,000,000, gold, to buy food
upon which to live. The rice crop in China
and Japan has suffered from the drought and
the price of rice is higher than usual through-
out the Orient.

The results of one's own labor is more appre-
ciated than any other, and no where is the fact
more clearly demonstrated than with pictures.
Get your camera and supplies at Le Munyon's.
—Advt.

THE HONGKONG BANK
DIVIDEND.

We are officially authorized to state that
subject to audit, the Directors of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will
recommend at the forthcoming meeting a
Dividend of £1.10/- per share,
Bonus of 10/- per share,
Add to the Reserve Fund \$750,000 and carry
forward about \$1,425,000.

FIRE ON THE P. & O. S. S.
"BANCA."

We learn that while on the voyage from
Bombay to Singapore fire broke out in the
number five hold of the P. & O. steamer
Banca, which arrived here at daylight
to-day. From the fact that consignment of
cargo in Hongkong have been called upon to
sign a general average bond it may be
safely presumed that the extent of the damage
must be more or less serious.

SALES OF CROWN LAND.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon at the
offices of the Public Works Department
two lots of Crown land were put up for
sale by public auction. The first lot
was Inland Lot No. 1678, in the Peak Road
locality, held for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a Crown rent of \$6 per
annum. The lot comprises 1.00 square feet
with the following boundary measurements:
north, 40', 10'; South, 30'; East, 60'; and West,
40', 10'. It was sold to Mr. John Lemm at
\$20 above the upset price of \$250. The second
lot—Inland Lot No. 1677—in the Kennedy
Road locality comprises 6,500 square feet, held
at a Crown rent of \$4 1/2 per annum. The
boundary measurements are: North, 80';
South, 80'; East 85'; and West 85'. For this
lot there was some competition, bidding starting
at \$1,300, and was kept up to \$1,740, when the
lot was knocked down to Mr. Lam See.

WINGLOK STREET COLLAPSE
INQUIRY.

NO CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

The inquiry into the collapse of Nos. 12 and
14 Tung Loi Lane, and Nos. 126 and 128
Winglok Street, was concluded this afternoon
before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, and the jury, viz.,
Messrs. Goldenberg, Blason, and Terry.

Further evidence was taken and Mr. Looker
proceeded to address the jury on behalf of his
clients.

Mr. Bowley also addressed the jury, and
Mr. Hazeland put the usual questions to them.
After retiring for about fifteen minutes the
jury found that the cause of death was due
to the collapse of the wall of No. 12 Tung Loi
Lane, which was not brought about by criminal
negligence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

Hongkong, 12th January.
SIR,—I am directed by my Committee to
draw the attention of Members and Associates
of this Branch of the Navy League to the
assault-arms which will take place on the
16th instant in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors'
Home in Arsenal Street, and to the hope
that Members and Associates will take tickets
for that performance, having regard to the
excellent work which is being done by the
Home in providing for our soldiers and sailors,
a respectable and comfortable place of resort
where they will be well cared for. I am also
directed to state that it is the intention of my
Committee, at our annual general meeting on
Thursday next, to propose a vote of \$500 out
of the general funds of this Branch of the
Navy League in aid of the above-mentioned
deserving institution.—Yours, etc.

G. C. ANDERSON.

Hon. Secretary,
Navy League, Hongkong Branch.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Girault.

THE STRAITS CURRENCY AND
THE CHAMBER.

The Secretary of the Singapore Chamber of
Commerce issued the following letter addressed
on December 17 to Government, on the subject
of Fixity of Exchange for the Colony:—

Chamber of Commerce,
Singapore, Dec. 17, 1902.
SIR,—I have reference to the question
of Fixity of Exchange for the Straits Settlements
and to your letters Nos. Misc. 9344/01
and 9781/01 of Oct. 31 and Nov. 18 respec-
tively, now, by direction of the Committee of
this Chamber, comply with the request con-
tained in these letters by handing you the
following (17) seventeen Schedules of Statistics
brought up to Dec. 31, 1901. These for the
sake of reference are numbered 1 to 17, and
are described on a list thereof appended to
this letter [Not printed].

2. The foregoing representative extensions,
brought up to Dec. 31, 1901, of the Trade
Statistics put forward in 1897 when the ques-
tion of Fixity of Exchange was the subject of
consideration and representation to Govern-
ment by this Chamber.

3. I further beg to hand you the following
additional Tables of Statistics which it is
thought may be of interest and service to
Government in considering this question, viz.:—
No. 18. Coinage of British Dollars to March
31, 1902, at Bombay and Calcutta mints.

No. 19. Straits Settlements Imports and
Exports of silver coin and merchandise from
1890/1901.

4. All statistics given cover to by this letter
have been as carefully checked as the system
prevalent in the Colony for recording Imports
and Exports permits.

5. Your letter of Oct. 31, 1902, asked that the
Chamber would revise up to date paragraphs
to 15 inclusive, also paragraphs 38 to the
end of the Report of Nov. 6, 1897, of a Sub-
Committee of the Chamber dealing with this
subject.

6. The figures and information desired in
continuation of those furnished under the head
of Imports in paras. 10/30 of the above quoted
Report, will be found in the enclosures hereto
numbered 1 to 3.

7. Between 1896 and November 1897 (when
a Sub-Committee of this Chamber reported on
this subject) Exchange on London had, by
depreciation of the value of silver, fallen about
15%, the rate when the Report was issued
having been about 1/11. The rate to-day may
be said to be, roundly 1/7, showing a further
decline of about 15%, or a total decline since
1896 of about 30%.

8. I am directed to particularly draw the
attention of Government to the figures as to
exports shown by Schedules 4 to 6. From
these it will be seen that for the years 1897
the trade figures (Inter-Settlements excluded)
were as follows, viz.:—

1897	.....	\$160,851,000
Over the years following 1897 the value of his export trade, represented in dollars, steadily and largely increased as the following figures will show:—		
1898	.....	\$184,970,000
1899	.....	\$215,888,000
1900	.....	\$239,622,000
1901	.....	\$254,690,000

1. has, by some people, been contended that
this increased dollar volume of the trade is due
to the declining value of our local currency.

The increases, however, shown by the figures
just above quoted, occurred under what was
practically a *pari passu* of Fixity of Exchange, as
is shown by the following, which were the
average rates on London for these years, viz.:—
1897 1898 1899 1900 1901
1/11 15/16 1/11 5/16 1/11 15/16 2/01 1/11 15/16
9. Appendix F accompanying this letter is a
Memorandum on the course of the produce
(export) market of Singapore during the years
1897 to 1901 inclusive, and from this it would
seem reasonable to conclude that the increased
dollar value in our export trade of these five
years should not be placed to the credit of a
declining dollar.

10. Even if it be admitted that a dollar of
low value has stimulated and increased the
export trade of this Colony, it must also be
accepted that in the course of decline a point
must be reached at which further decline
must, in a general or overall way, result in
injury. If this be not admitted, then he who
advocates that increased general prosperity
must follow any decline of the dollar, would
hold that a dollar fallen to 6d (if that be pos-
sible) would be of benefit to the trade of the
Colony and the Peninsula. Under no circum-
stances could such a view or contention be
upheld; it requires no argument or figures to
demonstrate that a turning point must exist at
which benefit becomes transformed into injury.
The Committee of this Chamber considers that
this point has been passed, and is strongly of
opinion that the mere fact in itself of the dollar
having declined in value to 1/7 is one that
makes it imperative upon Government, in the
interest of the Colony as a whole, now to decide
upon some means of bringing about and to
establish fixity. Further, it is the opinion of
the committee of this Chamber that a dollar
for which Government at present accepts no
responsibility, discredited until it is worth only
1/7, and no legitimate cause in sight or in pro-
spect to prevent silver from still further
seriously depreciating, are, in themselves,
circumstances which not only make fixity a
necessity, but which now relegate the question
more to the judgment of plain common-sense
than leave it dependent on such pros and cons
as may be adduced from trade returns and
statistics.

11. The Kingdom of Siam has now placed its
currency upon a fixed value in relation to Gold.
Hitherto, when the question of fixity has been
 mooted for this Colony, those who have advo-
cated that the currency of the Straits Settle-
ments should continue to follow the course of
silver have, as one of their reasons, urged that
fixity would be prejudicial to the Colony's trade
with Siam, that country being on a silver basis.
Now having now gone upon a gold basis, this,
as an argument against fixity, has become one
strongly in favour of a gold basis for the Straits
Settlements.

12. Government is doubtless aware of a strong
movement in favour of placing the currency of
the Philippines upon a gold basis and, although
it is not yet possible to say that this will be
done, the balance of opinion appears to be that
the Government of the Philippines will find
itself compelled ere long to adopt conversion
to a gold basis.

13. It has been argued by some, who advocate
that the currency of the Colony should remain
on a silver basis, that the decline of exchange
has benefited the coolie class who, coming
from China, mainly constitute the labouring
classes of the Settlements and of the Federated
Malay States. Your Committee considers that
it requires but little local knowledge to know
that the dollar in its now shrunken value can
only buy for the coolie much less than it was
able to do when it was of a higher gold value.
The Chinese of the Colony have certainly
suffered by the fall in exchange, in that for the
now depreciated dollar they can buy less food,
less clothing, less land, less labour or service,
less everything, than its former value was able to
procure, or in other words, for the colony
now have to pay more dollars.

14. The Committee of this Chamber feels
that the outlook for the future of silver must
be a factor of importance in deliberations upon
the question of whether Fixity of Exchange is
advisable or inadvisable for this Colony. It is
admitted that to touch on this point is to enter
upon what cannot be foreseen with any degree
of reliability; but nevertheless, it seems not
inappropriate in this connection to point out
that there are members of this Chamber who
view the Treaty between Britain and China,
recently arranged by Sir James Mackay, as not
unlikely in years to come to affect silver.

Clause IX of that Treaty provides for the
opening of China's mineral resources to Western
capital and methods. The opening up of the
interior of China by Railways has commenced,
and is certain to go on apace. Her mineral
resources are believed to be rich in silver, and
if these rendered readily accessible by
extended railway construction—are vigorously
developed by foreign capital under Western
scientific methods of mining and extraction;
with the further advantage of the cheapest and
largest labour supply of the world to hand on
the spot—it is at least not out of possibility
that China may, before many years pass, be-
come a producer and exporter of silver
on a scale that will greatly increase the world's
output of the metal and cheapen it more than
ever.

15. The Committee of this Chamber recom-
mends—as did the Sub-Committee of 1897—the
British Sovereign as the basis of a new
currency.

16. As regards the method by which Fixity
should be introduced by Government, the Com-
mittee of this Chamber is still of opinion that
the plan outlined in the Sub-Committee's
Report of Nov. 6, 1897, will best form the basis
for formulation of a scheme upon which Gov-
ernment might proceed to make early prepa-
rations, and thereafter act upon short notice.

17. It seems to the Committee of the Chamber
that if Government decides to introduce fixity
of exchange it will not be to the advantage of the
Colony that the suggested details of any scheme
should be known to the public beforehand, or
even be supposed to be what will be acted upon
by Government. If conversion is to be brought
about, it will probably be much facilitated—and
cheapened to the Colony—by the public being
kept in ignorance of the arrangements and pro-
visions by which Government would have to
precede the act of conversion. For this reason
I will perhaps be well that the committee
should not in this communication put forward
suggestions of a detailed nature. These, if
desired, can be made the subject of conference
or communication verbally.

18. In continuation of the Scheme recom-
mended by the Sub-Committee of Nov. 6, 1897
I have to add that from the late information
available to the Chamber, the value of dollars
of all kinds and of subsidiary silver coins
imported into the Colony from 1897 to 1901
inclusive, is recorded as \$151,934,000 while the
exports in the same years are put at \$10,758,000.
Both of these returns include the Yen, devalued
in 1897, practically all of which went back to
Japan. The coin augmentation during these
5 years would thus appear to have been
\$141,176,000 but these figures must not be taken
to exactly represent the position, as all com-
modities cannot be registered.

19. On the question of the cost to Govern-
ment of bringing about Fixity of Exchange for
the Colony, the Committee of this Chamber
cannot safely give an estimate, and feels that
Government will be better placed to gain an
approximate idea of this, than is the Chamber.

I have the honour to be &c.

ALEX J. GUNN, Secretary.

The Hon'ble The Colonial Secretary, S. S.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
French (*Salazie*) to-morrow.
Australian (*Trinani*) 16th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th inst.
English (*Crownmaid*) 17th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 18th inst.
Indian (*Lalgarh*) 19th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 31st inst.
American (*A*

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

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Venezuelan negotiations.

COMMERCIAL.

Berlin, 12th January,
12.50 p.m.

The blockade at Venezuela continues. The negotiations respecting a settlement of the differences between the Powers will commence at Washington towards the end of the month immediately after the arrival of the United States Minister, Mr. Bowen, from Caracas, and of Baron Speck von Sternburg, the ex-consul of Calcutta who has been appointed to the German Embassy owing to the recall of von Holleben.

Morocco.

The final struggle between the Sultan of Morocco and the Pretender is imminent.

The Prussian Diet.

In the Prussian Diet which was convened for the first time, the canal question will not be brought forward.

Russia and Germany.

NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY.

The German Government has commenced negotiations with Russia regarding a new commercial treaty between the two countries.

Austria-Hungary.

The negotiations respecting a commercial treaty with Germany of which Austria-Hungary gave notice towards the close of last year will soon commence.

Brazil.

London, 9th.
Morocco.

The Spanish pretender has assumed the offensive.

The German Embassy.

at Washington.

The German Ambassador von Holleben has suddenly applied for leave. It is generally assumed that he has been recalled for a supposed want of tact. Baron Speck von Sternburg, the ex-consul of Calcutta, and a person quite well known in London, has been appointed in charge of affairs and it is believed will succeed to the post.

Attempted Assassination in Spain.

While the King of Spain was returning from church on Sunday evening a Madrid man fired a revolver at the royal carriage. No one was injured. The man who is a Spanish radical, and apparently insane, declares that he wanted to hit the Grand Chamberlain and not the King.

Football.

Wales has scored 3 goals and 2 tries against England's team.

Marconi Telegraphy.

The Marconi system between England and America will be open to the public about the 20th instant.

MINING ENTERPRISE IN CHINA.

CHECKIANG.

The Pao-tung Company of Peking has arranged to raise a loan amounting to 5 million ta for a quarry whose name is given as Wen-tung (to open mines at Hsueh-chow, Hsueh-chow, Yuen-chow and Wen-chow, the agreement being similar to that of the Yunnan Mining Co., but as there are some points not in accordance with the new Mining Regulations, Tsai Kai-ko of the Pao-tung Company of Chekiang has sent in a revised agreement, consisting of 20 articles through the Governor of Chekiang to the Board of Foreign Affairs, as well as to the Ministry of Mines and Railways. As soon as Imperial rescripts on the same are received, the agreement will be again submitted to both the British and Italian Ministers at Peking and then it will be signed.

HUNAN.

At Kwei Yang-chow in Hunan, there are rich mines, and Yuan Shih-chi and others have raised fifty thousand dollars capital and formed a company called the Kwei-hing company to work them. The company have already opened the mines and there are many capitalists anxious to join the company.

At Hwai-hai district of Hunan there are also mines belonging to a Buddhist temple, and Magistrate Chu Su-ming now intends to obtain permission to convert the temple into a school and to open the mines to raise funds for carrying on the said school. The priest being unwilling to this, the Magistrate who is now said to be transferred to some other post.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.

CHINA.

The Eastern Hill coal mines for the subject of a recent application by King Sa Jen of the Pao-tung Company, but the Board of Foreign Affairs decided to open the collieries on the Government's account. *China Gazette.*

MANILA AS A GREAT DEPOT.

NEED OF A MERCHANT MARINE.

The progress of Japan is of peculiar interest to Americans, (says the *Manila Cadenence*) so many of our business methods being in use by the Chrysanthemum Empire, and the fact that Japan was first effectively opened to foreign trade by us, as the result of Commodore Perry's famous expedition, says Walter J. Ballard.

Japan's development has been so great and so rapid that, particularly since 1866, her imports have continually exceeded her exports to the extent of many millions of dollars yearly, but the figures for 1901 of her foreign trade show that she is now within sight of turning the corner. The figures are:

Total imports for 1901 \$127,396,689
Total exports for 1901 115,67,107

Unfavorable balance only \$11,726,617
These imports and exports chiefly detail as follows:

Exports	Imports
United States..... \$36,010,050	\$ 1,299,176
Great Britain..... 5,718,286	25,186,742
China..... 27,376,938	13,739,779
Hongkong..... 20,809,730	5,486,610
Germany..... 2,415,033	14,102,410
France..... 13,588,284	1,868,908
British India..... 4,809,482	21,304,392

Just a glance at these figures demonstrates that the United States is not securing nearly its proper share of Japan's buying trade. We bought of her \$34,000,000 and sold to her only \$21,000,000, while Great Britain bought, in round figures, \$6,000,000 and sold \$25,000,000—over four times as much as she bought. Germany still better, buying less than \$3,000,000 and selling over \$10,000,000. In other words, Japan's 1901 balance against us was \$15,000,000 while Great Britain's account stood nearly \$20,000,000 and Germany's \$11,500,000 the other way.

Why are we on the wrong side (to us) of Japan's ledger for 1901, 00, 00? The answer is two fold: First, because of our 'apology for a fleet' of ocean going steamships we are not the carriers of our own goods and must submit to any rates of freight the owners of foreign vessels choose to exact. Second, because a good share of our shipments pass through Hongkong and European ports and are counted as shipments by the country whose flag the vessel carries. Right here comes in the future value to of Manila as a point of shipments and distribution. When the harbour improvements at Manila are completed, our ocean-going merchant marine sufficiently enlarged by the passage of a liberal ship subsidy bill and the isthmian canal built, we shall be in shape to very nearly, if not entirely, control the foreign trade of Japan.

As Hongkong is not a manufacturing centre, how could it ship \$5,000,000 to Japan except of the goods of the United States and other countries?

It is worthy of note that in 1901 China was worth nearly \$3,000,000 net to Japan as a customer and France nearly \$12,000,000 while Japan was British India's net customer to the extent of \$16,500,000. For 1901 Japan's total exports show a gain of 23 per cent over 1900 and 17 per cent gain over the highest year previously known.

Rates of interest on internal loans have decreased and the gold reserve of the Bank of Japan has substantially increased. This shows financial soundness, and makes it easier for the American 'credit man.' As evidence of the advantage of ship subsidy, which Japan has been paying for some time, we may note that in 1892 one-tenth of the exports and one-eighth of the imports of Japan were carried in Japanese vessels. 1901 Japanese shipping had so increased that three-eighths of the exports and one-third of the imports, or a tonnage considerably in excess of the total exports and imports of 1892, were conveyed in native vessels. The 3,861,559 tonnage of Japanese vessels entering Japanese ports in 1901 was only exceeded by Great Britain, 4,083,583. Germany and Russia rank next, while all United States can show is 175 ships with 431,741 tonnage, less than one-tenth of Great Britain's showing. Is not this humiliating for a country of our resources? By this time the report for 1901 shows that we have fallen off in the sale of electric light apparatus (though we still furnish 62 per cent), telephones, flour, iron wire, telegraph wire, steel and iron, steel wire rope, brass and copper tubes and nickel, while we increased in fire engines and pumps, farmers' and mechanics' tools and implements, locomotives, crane machinery, weaving machinery, steam boilers and engines, photographic apparatus, sewing machines, watches, condensed milk, salted fish, alcohol (we lead for the first time), sole leather (we still lead), lead (pig, ingot and slab), kerosene, bicycles and tricycles (almost a monopoly for us) cables (we are now ahead of France and Great Britain). In flour, hemp, jute and China (less the imports were \$600,000, of which the Philippine Islands furnished one-sixth.

Japan buys sugar very largely about one half from Hongkong and Germany. The Philippines increased their sales by 50 per cent. When conditions are settled in the Philippines its sugar industry can be developed to supply one half of the Japanese demand for sugar. To sum up, the net results for 1901 are unfavourable to us, as while the total decrease in Japan's imports was 11 per cent, as compared with 1900 our decrease was 31 per cent, leaving us again out-ranked by Great Britain and British India. As Mr. McKinley so wisely said, "We must have ships."

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ING GEAR.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

The statements of accounts to be presented at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders in the above Company are as follows:—
Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1902.

LIABILITIES.

Capital, 750 fully paid founder's shares of £1 each (paid down in the East at exchange of 35) \$5,000.00
Capital partly paid, £323,624 (paid down in the East at exchange of 35) 1,157,493.12
Capital reserve fund 191,973.33
Reserve fund 65,533.35

Notes in circulation..... 477,295.00
Fixed deposits & current accounts..... 735,379.50
Loans payable..... 250,000.00
Bills for collection and branch balances..... 283,502.45
Drafts, acceptances and endorsements (bills rediscounted)..... 370,606.91
Balance of profit and loss account..... 145,103.95

Total..... \$4,681,887.81

ASSETS.

Cash on hand and at bankers..... \$533,283.63
Government securities belonging to the bank..... 315,759.03
Bills receivable, loans & advances..... 2,046,040.76
Bills for collection receivable and branch balances..... 1,769,347.39
Adjustments..... 2,452.00
Furniture..... 15,000.00

Total..... \$4,681,887.81

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

31st December, 1902.

Charges, directors' fees and salaries..... \$103,695.19

Amount to be placed to reserve fund..... \$50,000.00

Dividend account, proposed payment of \$1.96 per share on 40,453 shares (3/1 per share in London at exchange of 1/2 1/16)..... 79,490.15

Balance to be carried forward to next account..... 15,613.80

Total..... \$248,799.24

Balance brought forward from last year..... \$21,235.51

Gross Earnings for year ending 31st December, 1902..... 227,563.73

Total..... \$248,799.24

On 1st January, 1903, our Capital and Reserve Funds stand as follows:—

Capital fully paid founder's shares \$5,000.00

Capital partly paid ordinary shares 2,157,193.32

Capital reserve fund..... 191,973.33

Reserve fund..... 115,533.35

Total..... \$2,470,000.00

C. EWENS, Chairman.

J. L. UT, CHAN KI SHAN, CHU WUNG SHANG, Directors.

GEO. W. F. LAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

H. PINCKNEY, Chief Accountant.

I have audited the above balance sheet and beg to report to the shareholders that such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the bank's affairs as shown by the books. The audit in London has been carried out as usual and certified by Messrs Deloitte, Owen, Griffiths and Co., Chartered Accountants.

I certify that all my requirements as auditor have been complied with.

R. CHATTERTON WILSON, Auditor.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, 11th January.

THE PROPOSED STATE LOTTERY.

Efforts are being made in all directions by the Imperial Treasury to raise funds for the more expeditious disbursement of the war indemnity and confirmation, comes to hand from Peking of the proposed National Lottery (referred to in your columns) to the Viceroy of Canton, who has been instructed by Imperial Edict to use the whole of his power in influencing the merchants of this city to take up shares.

UNREST.

The extreme unrest of the districts surrounding Canton are brought prominently and more forcibly to light every few days by the reports of robberies by large armed gangs who swoop down on villages and make away without molestation. The military seem incapable of competing with the severe tax put upon them, and the drain made by the Kwangsi rebellion is being severely felt. Yet another call has been made upon their resources by the Mandarin of Sun-hing, a district about 50 miles off of Canton and in Kwangtung Province, where the farmers are so driven to desperation by the famine that they have taken to robbery and outlawry. So serious is the rising that the authorities of the district are unable to subdue the people and, as a last resource, have appealed for help to the Viceroy, who has dispatched two detachments of soldiers, each numbering 250 men.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS.

The authorities have issued orders to the effect that an inspection will be made early in the year.

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New Year, when no errors or deficiencies will be overlooked, and all offenders will be severely punished irrespective of rank.

PROPOSED NEW BANK.

Two merchants, Cheung Ying Wo and Cheung Juk Cheong, propose starting an entirely new Chinese bank to be styled "The Po Fung Bank," which will have branches in all the Treaty Ports. Their application to the Viceroy of Canton has been favourably treated and permission will probably be granted for the bank to start as soon as a system of rules is deposited. The merchants here are favourably inclined towards the project.

THE CHINESE COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

In our issue of the 3rd ult. we pointed out that on the 1st of November last the Chinese Commercial Steamship Co., Limited, was incorporated at Hongkong with a capital of a million dollars, subscribed by Chinese and allotted in 9,980 ordinary shares of \$100 each with 20 founders' shares. We pointed out that monthly sailings would be made to Mexico from the Orient, and that Mr. Eng Hok Fong, the president of the new company, had gone to the States for the purpose of making final inquiries. We now learn from the *Victorian Colonist* that on the last trip of the *Kaga Maru* to Victoria among the saloon passengers were "two Chinese merchants from Hongkong, Messrs. Lung Kam-ming and Eng Hok-fong, who went there to look over the trade possibilities, with the intention of establishing a steamship line from Hongkong to some point on the Pacific Coast, yet to be selected. They did not embark at Victoria, remaining with the steamer, and left for Seattle. After looking around the ports of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego, they will go across the continent to New York, and also visit many large Eastern commercial centres in connection with the enterprise. When questioned regarding their enterprise on board the Japanese liner, the visiting Chinese merchants said that the project was in a preliminary stage as yet, and the object of their visit was to make the necessary investigation to ascertain if such an enterprise would be profitable. If they were assured as a result of their visit that a steamship line running from Hongkong to some port on the Pacific coast would be successful, the line would be established, there being sufficient Chinese capital ready to embark in the enterprise. There is no question that the import trade of China is increasing rapidly, they said, and the shipments of flour, cotton, wheat, the staples most in demand, were becoming larger with each year. However, they were there to make an investigation, and it was as yet too early to talk of what would be done. As to how many steamers might be put on the service it was too soon to speak.

Eng Hok-fong and Lung Kam-ming had an interview at the Grand Trunk railway, and Mr. Wainwright, comptroller of that road, who were in the city in regard to the building of a transcontinental line by their company, which is expected to be completed in five years. The question of freights and steamers was discussed at length, much information regarding the railway arrangements being given to the Chinese by the railway men, who in turn were advised of the project to establish a new steamship line. When the trans-continental line of the Grand Trunk is completed, it goes without saying that a steamship connection with the Orient will be necessary, but as one of the Chinese visitors said, the line is not expected to be completed for five years yet, and their project is for the establishment of a line a short time.

THE COMMODORE'S CUP.

FIRST RACE.

The first race for the Commodore's Cup was sailed on Saturday, the result of which was crowded out of our columns last evening. The course was round a rock to the South West of Kauichau Island and home. At the commencement a moderate breeze was blowing, but on nearing the rock it freshened considerably. The race was practically a plain sail both outward and homeward, the wind being in a north-easterly direction. Vernon moved conclusively that none of the other boats could come near her in a breeze by positively taping away from the others. She listed very heavily, however, and in spite of the vain effort of the crew to keep her on an even keel, by perching themselves on the weather rail, continued to sail with her lee gunwale under water. When rounding the rock she was two or three minutes ahead of the *Alannah*, who, in her turn, was a couple of minutes ahead of the nearest boat. All except the *Colleen* followed in the *Alannah's* wake, steering a straight course. She headed to the north of the island and, though entering the stronger breeze area before the others, the distance lost was out of proportion to the wind found. While inward bound on the port tack, the *Iris*, sailed by Mr. C. A. Tones, worked in third place, and for a long time was near the stem of *Alannah*, in fact it appeared she had a fair chance of sailing her time (9 minutes) on the *Vernon*, but while coming up the harbour the latter vessel spouted such extraordinary speed, that she was not only enabled to clear off her time allowance but had four minutes to spare. The times at the finish were as follows:

1. *Vernon*..... 4 11 10 Scratch
2. *Alannah*..... 4 19 0 16 0
3. *Kathleen*..... 4 23 10 17 10
4. *Iris*..... 4 24 12 18 12
5. *Colleen*..... 4 24 47 21 47
6. *Mina*..... 4 26 40 23 40
7. *Erica*..... 4 26 40 23 40
8. *Santha*..... 4 26 42 23 42
9. *Maid Marian*..... 4 27 10 24 10
10. *Chanticleer*..... 4 28 56 26 56
11. *Doreen*..... 4 33 30 30 30
12. *Poyne*..... 4 34 52 36 52

ROYALTY TO VISIT HONGKONG.

NEXT MONTH.

The *Ostendische Lloyd* says:—Their Royal Highnesses Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, with his spouse, and Prince George of Bavaria, intend to visit the Far East shortly. Prince Rupprecht, who will travel by the name of Count Haardt, is the eldest son of Prince Ludwig, eldest son of Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria, and at some future day will therefore probably himself ascend the throne. Prince Rupprecht, who was born in May, 1869, in Munich, is known as a very kind and refined man. In the summer of 1900 he was married to the Duchess Marie Gabrielle of Bavaria, a daughter of the far-famed occultist, the Duke Karl Theodor of Bavaria. Prince George, a cousin of Prince Rupprecht, is considerably younger than the former; he is a son of Prince Leopold and the Archduchess Gisela of Austria. It is said their Royal Highnesses intend to visit the Sunda Islands first, from where they may be expected to arrive in Hongkong about the middle of February. From there they will visit Canton, Amoy, Foochow, and will probably get to Shanghai in the latter part of February. From here several trips will be made, amongst others, one to Ningpo. Afterwards the party will proceed to Tsingtao, Tientsin, and Peking.

Commercial.

TODAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

Strong demand exists for HONGKONG BANK shares and sales have been effected at \$67.50 and \$67.40. Small sales have been made of HONGKONG FIRE at \$325.00. HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOATS are slightly weaker, and there are still sellers at \$37.75. A small parcel of INDO CHINA SUGARS has been placed at \$86.00. CHINA SUGARS are in demand at \$59.00, no sellers. HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCKS are wanted at \$207.50. HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARVES have changed hands at \$90 and \$50.50. HONGKONG ESTATES are weaker with sellers at \$12.00, as well as CHINA PROVIDENTS at \$9.85.

EXCHANGE.

IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer..... 1 6 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand..... 1/6 15/16
Credits, 4 months' sight..... 1/7 5/16
Dineros, 4 months' sight..... 1/7 7/16
IN HAVRE, (demand)..... M. 1/4
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand..... 1/8
Credits, 4 months' sight..... 2/2
IN NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand..... 38 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight..... 39
IN HONGKONG, Telegraphic Transfer..... 117 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer..... 72 1/2
Private 30 days' sight..... 100.00
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T..... 76 1/2 prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate..... \$12.67
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael..... 65.30
Bar Silver..... 22 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Today's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW..... @ \$ 970/1,000
" LAST YEAR..... @ 1,000/1,030
" OLDEST..... @ 1,040/1,080
PATNA NEW..... @ 1,010
BENARES NEW..... @ 1,000
PERSIAN (PAPER)..... @ 650/730

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1902.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 19th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
N. LAZARUS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [49c]

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [100c]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO

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December 29th.